



KNIGHTS CONNECTION PROGRAM

LINK LEADER APPLICATION

We are so excited that you have interest in applying to be a KCP Link Leader!

KCP Link Leaders are upperclassmen who are good role models for younger students and who have been successful at ACP. Link Leaders' communication skills, leadership potential, responsibility, and personality have helped them succeed in the high school environment, and the lessons they have learned should be shared to help others succeed. You could have a tremendous influence on our new students and you will learn many valuable leadership skills in the process. Plus, it will be fun!

What does a KCP Link Leader do? KCP Link Leaders are trained to work with the incoming freshman class and other new students who are entering our school next fall. After the extensive training, the Link Leaders will run freshman orientation before school starts in July. At the orientation, each Link Leader will be given a small group of freshmen to work with and will be asked to befriend and to help that group during the first week of school with any challenges they may face. Periodically during the school year, Link Leaders will meet again with their student groups to touch base, discuss problems, and plan social activities. We know that the more contact a freshman has with their Link Leader the more successful the freshman will be.

KCP Link Leaders perform many activities, including:

- attend 2-3 training sessions during the summer (virtual and in person)
- call/email and personally invite freshmen to orientation
- lead ice-breaker activities during freshmen orientation
- facilitate fun, educational activities during Success periods
- attend meetings/ check-in with your Link Crew coordinator once a month
- escort freshmen to various school events
- provide input on other social and motivational events to hold throughout the year

Mandatory Dates: *Please make sure you are available to attend ALL of these events BEFORE you apply.*

TEAM BUILDING DAY: TBD- Week of May 3rd

LINK LEADER TRAINING: Week of July 12- 16 – virtual w/ in-person component

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION: July 19 (virtual meeting) & July 20 7:30 AM – 12:00 (in-person)

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: July 21, wear your Link Leader t-shirt and help freshmen with directions and questions. Participate in Lunch Time Activity with freshmen.

***Beyond the above absolutely mandatory events, all Link Leaders are expected to attend additional Link Leader Meetings once a month, Link Crew Social Events for Freshmen, days to wear your Link Crew T-shirt to school, and other special events for the Link Crew program throughout the entire school year. Monthly calendars will be distributed throughout the school year.

Who can apply for the KCP Link Crew? Next year's sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible to apply for Link Crew.

Do I need to be an honor student to be on KCP Link Crew? No. We need people who are **reliable** and will do what they say they are going to do. KCP Link Crew needs a diverse group of students who have one goal in mind – ensuring the success of our freshmen class. We are looking for musical people, theatrical people, athletes, mathletes, and anyone else who has the desire to learn how to become a good leader.

What are the requirements for being in KCP Link Crew? To be considered for KCP Link Crew, you must complete the entire application process. Link Crew coordinators will review applications, discipline records, and Flipgrid videos before choosing members. If you are selected there will be a \$ 5 fee for your t-shirt, which you will receive during training.

Link Leader Attendance/Participation Policy: All Link Leaders will be given 3 Excused Absences for the school year in order to remain an Active Link Leader. (An excused absence is a note from a parent, doctor, or coach.) All event dates are scheduled way ahead of time and you are expected to re-arrange your other commitments to attend! The 4th absence to an official Link Leader event will result in the student's removal from the KCP Link Crew Program. The exception to this policy is the Mandatory Summer Dates. Failure to attend any of these dates for any reason will result in an automatic drop from the program.

Link Leader Code of Conduct Policy: As an Arizona College Prep High School Link Crew Leader, students are expected to follow our Code of Conduct. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in dismissal as a KCP Link Crew Leader. (Link Crew's Code of Conduct will be given to each student to sign when they are chosen as Link Leaders)

1st Offense: Reminder Note

2nd Offense: Reminder Note and meeting with Mrs. Michaelson and/or Mr. Roth

3rd Offense: Removal from the Link Crew Program

KCP Link Leader Requirements

Qualifications:

- Current Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior at ACP
- Grades (minimum of a 2.0), Attendance, and Discipline Records must be above satisfactory
- Application Information: - Fill out all information in the application COMPLETELY and ACCURATELY
- Attach your head shot photo (a selfie is fine- as long as we can recognize your face!)
- Include the Video Introduction link in the Application

We are very excited that you are applying to the Link Crew Program! Applications are due by **Thursday, April 15, 2021**. Please email your completed application to: Michaelson.britni@cusd80.com or drop it off in-person in D103. You will receive an email informing you if you have been selected by 6:00 pm April 30th.

Thank you!

Mrs. Michaelson, Mr. Roth, and Mrs. Dalton

Link Crew Advisors

Written Responses: (No more than 4-6 sentences each.)

Describe why you want to be a Link Leader.

Describe a time, situation, or event where you could have used a Link Leader while you were a freshman at ACP? How would you have handled the situation if you were your own Link Leader?

What advice would you give to incoming freshmen to help them be successful at ACP?

What is a challenge that you have faced in high school and what did you learn from it?

VIDEO INTRODUCTIONS: We want to get to know you! See direction for posting video below.

Create a ONE MINUTE video introducing yourself to us (Michaelson, Roth, and Dalton). Showcase who you are as a person while showing us your Knight school spirit. The video must be created/uploaded on Flip Grid.

1. Follow this link to the KCP Link Crew FlipGrid: <https://flipgrid.com/8e7a686e>
2. Click enter guest password below the login options
3. Enter KCPapp20212022
4. Record and post your video!
5. The topic is moderated. You will not see your video or anyone else's after they have been posted.

If you have issues with uploading your video, please email Mrs. Michaelson at Michaelson.britni@cusd80.com

Important Dates and Signatures

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You and your parents can sign this page electronically or you can print it out and turn in to Mrs. Michaelson in D103.

STUDENTS: KCP Link Crew will be conducting leader training and freshmen orientation during the above dates. Attendance on these dates is MANDATORY for all prospective Link Leaders. I understand that KCP Link Crew is committed to excellence and that if I am late or absent (sickness, athletic competitions, band camps, church camps, travel or otherwise), I will forfeit my position on KCP Link Crew. I also understand that once the school year begins, KCP Link Crew will have additional mandatory events that will require my attendance.

Student Signature

Date

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: I understand that my student has applied to become a KCP Link Leader at Arizona College Prep High School. I understand that if chosen, they will be required to attend the above dates. I understand that the dates above are mandatory and if my student is late or absent (sickness, athletic competitions, band camps, church camps, travel or otherwise) on these dates, they will forfeit their position on KCP Link Crew. I understand that to treat all students equally, KCP Link Crew will not make exceptions. Furthermore, I understand that there will be additional mandatory KCP Link Crew obligations my student will need to attend throughout the school year and that those dates will be published on the KCP Link Crew calendar and provided prior to the beginning of each month. I have read and accept the terms above and give permission for this student to apply for the Link Crew Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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For questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Michaelson, Mr. Roth, or Mrs. Dalton.

